

Remarks

Claims 6-36 are pending in this application. New Claims 37-46 have been added to alternatively define the invention. Claims 6-36 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The remainder of these Remarks is set forth under appropriate subheadings for the convenience of the Examiner.

Abstract

The Office Action notes that the abstract was not printed on a separate sheet of paper and contains more than 150 words.

The present application is a national phase application of International Application No. PCT/RU2003/000170. Applicants respectfully request replacement of the abstract presented in the International Application with the Abstract as provided above.

Claim rejections

With regard to claim rejections, Applicants canceled the pending Claims and introduced an alternative set of Claims as was allowed and issued in a counterpart UK patent GB 2415192. Applicants believe that the presented new set of Claim is in compliance with the requirements of 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Applicants also believe that the new set of Claims is in compliance with the requirements of 35 USC 103(a) and is non-obvious over Raudsepp (US 4,647,307). Withdrawal of both rejections is respectfully solicited.

It is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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